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February 3. According to official statistics there were registered during the period from January 1 to 7, in addition to the figures previously reported, 3 new cases of cholera and 4 deaths, including 1 fresh case and 2 deaths in Samara, 1 case and 2 deaths in Tomsk, and 1 new case in the territory of Kuban. Between January 8 and 14 there were registered 2 new cases in the governmental district of Tomsk.

## HAWAII.

*Report from Honolulu—Examination of rats for plague infection.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Currie reports that during the week ended January 24, 192 rats were examined bacteriologically at the plague laboratory of the Service at Honolulu. No plague infection found.

## INDIA.

*Reports from Calcutta—Transactions of Service—Cholera, plague, and smallpox—Plague in India and Bengal.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Eakins reports, January 16: During the week ended January 11, bill of health was issued to the steamship *Nuenfels*, bound for Boston and New York with a total crew of 64. The usual precautions were taken, the holds fumigated, rat guards placed on the wharf lines and the effects of Asiatics disinfected.

During the week ended December 28, there were 49 deaths from cholera, 14 from plague, and 5 from smallpox in Calcutta. In Bengal during the same week there were 331 cases of plague, with 231 deaths.

## ITALY.

*Report from Naples—Inspection of vessels—Emigrants recommended for rejection—Smallpox in Italy.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon McLaughlin reports, January 27:

*Vessels inspected at Naples, week ended January 25.*

| Date.   | Name of ship.     | Destination.  | Steerage passengers inspected and passed. | Pieces of large baggage inspected and passed. | Pieces of baggage disinfected. |
|---------|-------------------|---------------|---|---|--------------------------------|
| Jan. 24 | König Albert..... | New York .... | 173                                       | 55  | 280                            |

*Rejections recommended.*

| Date.   | Name of ship.     | Trachoma. | Favus. | Suspected trachoma. | Suspected favus. | Other causes. | Total. |
|---------|-------------------|-----------|--------|---------------------|------------------|---------------|--------|
| Jan. 24 | König Albert..... | 7.        | 2      | 2                   | 2                | .....         | 13     |

*Smallpox*.—Week ended January 30. Cases: Following reports were officially registered: Ornaro (Rome) 4 cases, Ponza 2, Sparanise 2, Carinola 14, Casagiove 13, Casapulla 1, Mareianise 1, S. Maria Capua Vetere 1, Teverola (Caserta) 1, Vaglio di Basilivata (Potenza) 2, Nardo di Pace (Catanzaro) 4, Cittanova 16, Gerace Superiore 1, Cinquefrondi 1, Tresilico (Reggio Calabria) 1, Grotte (Girgenti) 1, Paceco (Trapani) 2.

#### JAPAN.

*Reports from Yokohama—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Increase of smallpox—Vaccination of steerage passengers and crews.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Cumming reports, January 22:

During the week ended January 18, bills of health were issued to 4 vessels having an aggregate personnel of 312 passengers and 355 crew.

One of the vessels, the *Chingtu*, for Manila, was fumigated by the local authorities, and the *Ben Vorlich*, for the same port, was fumigated under supervision of this office, the crews of each being vaccinated.

There is an increase of smallpox in this city.

All steerage and crew embarking here are being vaccinated at the disinfection station immediately after a bath and their effects are being disinfected as usual.

Up to this date there have been about 82 cases of smallpox reported, with 21 deaths.

*Emigrants recommended for rejection.*

Number of emigrants per steamship *China* recommended January 19 for rejection: For Manila 5. Advised to wait 3.

Per steamship *Kaga Maru* January 22: For Seattle 3. Advised to wait 23. Rejections and detentions were for trachoma.

*Reports from Kobé—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Examination of emigrants—Epidemic smallpox—Quarantine restrictions—Plague in Osaka.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, January 14:

Week ended January 11. Supplemental bills of health granted to 4 steamships, with an aggregate personnel of 624.

There were inspected 4 vessels, 365 members of crews, 3 cabin and 233 steerage passengers. One steamship was fumigated (2 after holds only, as 2 forward holds were fumigated at Yokohama), and 9 dead rats were found on board subsequent to fumigation. There were bathed 152 steerage passengers; their effects, consisting of 402 pieces of baggage, were disinfected with steam. Vaccination certificates were issued to 152 steerage passengers and to 54 members of crews. Manifests were viséed for 11,496 pieces of freight, and 30 pieces (plants from the Osaka district) were rejected.

Emigrants were examined as follows: Steamship *Hong Kong Maru* for San Francisco and Honolulu, passed 152, recommended for rejection 104.